

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH CUBAN CITIZENS FOR FUNDA- MENTAL FREEDOMS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be an original cosponsor and co-author of House Resolution 760, which demonstrates the United States' firm commitment to standing with the Cuban people.

On July eleventh, we witnessed an awakening in Cuba. It began in San Antonio de los Baños, just ten miles from Bejucal, the town where I was born, and then spread to over sixty towns and cities throughout Cuba. The Cuban people rose up and spoke with one voice to call for freedom. Cubans risked their lives by demonstrating against this repressive regime.

As members of the United States Congress, we must make clear that we stand with them. Many Cubans have paid a steep price for their courage. More than seven hundred people were detained or forcibly disappeared in the wake of the protests. This regime showed its true colors, firing live ammunition into crowds and using beatings, arbitrary arrests, and torture to try to stop people from protesting. It blocked internet access to prevent Cubans from communicating with each other and with the world. But I believe that the Cuban people can and will prevail.

These protests, while historic, did not emerge from thin air. For more than sixty years, the Cuban people have endured unspeakable suffering. But as the regime has expanded its repression to go after not just dissidents but also artists and academics and bloggers, a new generation of Cubans has shown its creativity and bravery. The San Isidro movement, which came together in response to a decree aimed at censoring artistic expression, has unlocked something very powerful. By bringing together artists, academics, and Cubans from all walks of life, the leaders of the San Isidro movement have shown the power of collective action to strip away the veneer that the regime tries to present to the world. Underneath the propaganda and the myths, we see a fragile and failed dictatorship that can only hold onto power through repression, corruption, and cynicism. The brutal treatment of the Associated Press journalist Ramon Espinosa showed just how desperate this regime is to hide the reality in Cuba from the rest of the world.

That desperation is the reason why the regime is now prohibiting planned protests for November 15th. The regime is threatening those who plan to demonstrate that they will face severe repercussions, even though they are merely asking to express themselves peacefully, as is their fundamental right.

The question before the U.S. Congress is whether we will answer the call of the Cuban

people. Will we acknowledge them and say "we see you, we hear you, and we are with you"? I hope the answer is yes.

As many of my colleagues know, I left Cuba at the age of eleven. Ever since then, I have never given up hope that one day Cuba would become a democracy. I will never stop fighting to help the Cuban people become free.

I thank my good friends, Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Congressman DIAZ-BALART, for their leadership. And I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan resolution.

RECOGNIZING DR. KENNETH COO- PER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, recognized as the "Father of Aerobics." Born on March 4, 1931 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, his desire to practice preventative medicine was fostered by his father, who specialized in preventative dentistry. He would go on to receive his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Public Health from Harvard University School of Public Health.

Prior to dedicating his life's work to fitness, Dr. Cooper served as a member of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon and Director of the Aerospace Medical Laboratory in San Antonio. During his 13 years of military service, he developed the Aerobic Point System as well as the 12-minute and 1.5-mile fitness tests used by military organizations, law enforcement agencies, and thousands of public schools and universities today. In partnership with NASA, he was likewise an integral part of creating the conditioning programs used to prepare astronauts for space.

After retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, Dr. Cooper devoted his time to researching cardiovascular fitness and longevity. In 1970, he founded the Cooper Athletic Center in Dallas, Texas where he merged research with practice, revolutionizing health and fitness. The Cooper Institute has long been recognized as a leader in the fight against childhood obesity, partnering with several organizations to establish fitness programs in schools across the world.

A man of many accolades with years of knowledge, it is of little surprise his training helped lead the 1970 Brazilian Soccer team to victory in the World Cup.

As a pioneer in preventative medicine, Dr. Cooper has received more than 70 awards and honors. He has authored 19 books and is responsible for the addition of the word "Aerobics" in the Oxford English Dictionary.

While Dr. Cooper's professional and academic career has been filled with great

achievements, it is his family that most inspires him. Dr. Cooper and his wife, Millie, were blessed with a daughter, Berkley, and a son, Tyler. Dr. Cooper and his family set an example by actively practicing what they preach and working to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Cooper himself successfully completed his first marathon in 1962 and has since logged more than 38,000 miles running.

Now as we recognize Dr. Kenneth Cooper, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring his rich life and legacy.

HONORING SAN ANTONIO VETERAN JESSE VIDALES

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Jesse Vidales who hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Vidales celebrated his 100th birthday this past August. Born and raised in San Antonio's Westside, Mr. Vidales emulates what it means to be a proud San Antonian. I am truly honored to recognize him this Veterans Day.

Mr. Jesse Vidales was born on August 9, 1921 to Mr. Jose Ramos Vidales and Mrs. Maria Rios. At the time, Westside San Antonio experienced widespread poverty. Through their tireless efforts, the Vidales family rose above, knowing that education was the surest path to success. During the height of World War II, Mr. Vidales enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp where he served with Army Intelligence until the end of the war. After, Mr. Vidales married the love of his life, Mrs. Victoria Perez Vidales, and followed in his father's architectural footsteps and became a successful contractor for more than 50 years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the life of Mr. Jesse Vidales. I wish Jesse a happy 100th birthday and Happy Veterans Day. He has reached a milestone, and I thank him for his service to our country and community. May God bless and watch over him.

HONORING EDWARD LONGENECKER ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Edward Longenecker and wish him a happy 100th birthday. Mr. Longenecker is a WWII veteran that has a steadfast love and devotion to God, his family, and country. He is from my hometown of Victoria, Texas. I

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want to thank him for his service in the United States Army Air Corps as a Radio Operator and Nose Gunner on the B-24 bomber in the 451st Bomb Group, 726th Squadron.

During WWII on July 14, 1944, he and his fellow airman traveled to Petturdo, Hungary for their 29th combat mission. They expected it to be an easy mission but began receiving anti-aircraft fire that took out two of the aircraft's engines. From the nose gunner position, he received word that they were dropping elevation very quickly. The pilot made the call, urging everyone to jump. Mr. Longenecker headed to the flight deck to retrieve his parachute. On the flight deck, he saw his ball gunner about to jump and gave him a "good luck" salute. Then Mr. Longenecker jumped.

Everyone who jumped before him was captured but he landed on top of a hill and began taking on heavy fire from Yugoslav soldiers that were sympathetic to the Germans. He made his way to a nearby forest line, crawled under a briar bush, and stayed under the bush until nightfall. The first night he slept near a lake. The second night he stayed in a pile of loose hay, where he could hear a group of people playing the guitar and singing. To him, this was one of the most beautiful sounds he had heard simply because there wasn't a sign of war anywhere. On the third day, he ran out of the wood cover and met a young boy. This boy took him to a nearby village where he ate, bathed, and rested. Later, Mr. Longenecker was taken to a house where an American Lieutenant was waiting. Upon his safe arrival, he was informed that he had walked through an active minefield, unscathed.

It is incredible to think of how a life that could have been cut short has lasted 100 years. After serving in the military, Ed Longenecker became an electrical engineer and lived a long full life, married to his wife Marie for 59 years until she passed away in 2006. He has 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Edward Longenecker is a true American hero, and we are indebted to him for his great service to our Nation. I am proud to honor him today, and I hope he has a wonderful 100th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD COLSTON NEWTON IV

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Edward Colston Newton IV of Warsaw, Virginia, who passed away on November 3, 2021. "Colston" to his loved ones, he was a man not only known for his love of family and their farm, but for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States.

Colston was born in Louisville, Kentucky to Edward Colston Newton III and Janet Daingerfield Van Winkle. He was a graduate of Warwick High School, the College of William & Mary, and the Marshall Wythe School of Law, joining the Army Judge Advocate Corps upon his graduation. Most notably, Colston was part of the prosecution of the Mai Lai Massacre in Vietnam. Following his release from the Army, he went on to serve as

counsel with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) during the Ford and Carter Administrations.

After Colston's service with the OMB, he went on to a private practice, then became a private practitioner, and later, a Commonwealth's Attorney for Westmoreland County. Once he no longer practiced law, Colston became a freelance journalist, winning various awards for his distinct and strong writing style.

Colston had a passion for fly fishing and nurtured his children and nephews' enjoyment of the pastime. His love for the scenic beauty of Virginia was second to his love for family.

Colston is survived by his sisters Lawrence "Ludie" Newton Stevens, Elizabeth Daingerfield Newton Beam, and Mary Dillon Suirs, his son John Tyler Newton (Shannon), his daughter Cynthia Macomber Newton, his companion Jayne McQuarde, 7 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son Edward Colston Newton V, who served in the U.S. Army with the Asymmetric Warfare Group, and lost his battle to cancer on July 11, 2018.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the life of Edward Colston Newton.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. AURORA SORIANO CUDAL-RIVERA, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS (NAFFAA), SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL REGION

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Aurora Soriano Cudal-Rivera of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA), San Diego and Imperial Region. Mrs. Cudal-Rivera has served this organization and many others as a community organizer and social justice advocate for the last several decades.

Mrs. Cudal-Rivera has been recognized for her long years of service as an inductee to the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame in 2013 and California Legislature Woman of the Year in both 1999 and 2016.

During her professional career in the Philippines, Mrs. Cudal-Rivera served in public health education in both government and non-government institutions for 40 years. She was the first woman from Asia to receive a UNESCO Fellowship on "Problems Related to the Use of Drugs," which granted her a four-month travel to Denmark, Netherlands, France and Switzerland. She has volunteered for the United Methodist Church, and was elected as the World Secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women at the International Assembly of Methodist Women in 1991.

Mrs. Cudal-Rivera came to retire in Chula Vista, California in 1992. Now an octogenarian, she is still active with NaFFAA, Council of Philippine American Associations of San Diego County, San Diego Executive Lions Club, Filipino American Women's Club, Committee on Social Responsibility of the Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista, and the Congregational Tower Resident's Association, an independent living facility where she currently resides.

Mrs. Cudal-Rivera is to be honored for all her service to the community, her church, and her mentorship to the younger generation—making a positive and long-lasting difference.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the anniversary of the Delaware River Basin Commission. Sixty years ago this month, President John F. Kennedy gathered with the Governors of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, as equal partners to sign the Delaware River Basin Compact, which created the Delaware River Basin Commission.

For six decades, the Commission has carefully balanced the economic and environmental needs of the public, setting a model for the nation and the world on how to manage a vital, common resource. As we continue to battle the impacts of climate change, it is more important than ever to work together to maintain the health of the Delaware River Basin and the communities it serves.

I congratulate and thank the Delaware River Basin Commission for all that they do.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on November 4, 2021, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 3992, the Protecting Older Job Applicants Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 358.

SALUTING THE CAREER OF BARBARA RYAN

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader who is retiring after four decades of service to the people of San Diego County.

Over the last three decades, Barbara Ryan has served as Vice President of Government Affairs at Rady Children's Hospital, a Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center that is the largest children's hospital in California serving patients from San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties. Rady is a thriving hub of the region's healthcare system that employs more than 700 physicians, 1,000 nurses, 3,000 employees, 450 active volunteers and 1,200 auxiliary staff. Barbara has been a powerful and successful advocate for children and healthcare, for the region's healthcare systems and providers, and for patients. She is among

the most trusted voices regularly sought out by local, state, and federal elected officials. Prior to joining the Rady team, she worked as a senior staff member to a state senator.

Barbara's leadership and advocacy extends far beyond the industry where she was employed. Since 1979 she has served as a Member of the Board of Education serving the Santee School District, where she has held terms as President, Vice President, Clerk, and Legislative Representative over the course of her tenure.

She has also been a leader in statewide education groups, serving as a delegate to the California School Boards Association and as a member of its Masters in Governance Faculty, service that helped earn her the San Diego County School Boards Association School Board Member of the Year in 2011. Barbara has been recognized with the YWCA Women in Business Award; the Santee Chamber of Commerce President's Award; Santee Kiwanis Citizen of the Year; California State Assembly Woman of the Year; Citizen of the Year from Phi Delta Kappa and the Women in Leadership Award from the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce, among many other honors.

But perhaps her greatest honor is being a parent and grandparent—and this experience has guided every aspect of her career as a children's health advocate, education leader and community leader. I am proud to call her my friend and am grateful for her decades of service to the children, families, and healthcare professionals in San Diego County. Rady Children's is consistently ranked top in the nation across many categories, and that exceptional leadership is reflected in its community engagement, professionalism, and advocacy, demonstrated by Barbara throughout her career.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in extending our gratitude for her decades of service community leadership, and commitment to education and healthcare.

REINFORCING NICARAGUA'S ADHERENCE TO CONDITIONS FOR ELECTORAL REFORM ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address S. 1064, the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021, or the RENACER Act. I introduced the House version of the RENACER Act in April with Congresswoman MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, Ranking Member of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee MARK GREEN, and Reps. DEUTCH, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, MURPHY, and other bipartisan colleagues. This bill builds on the Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2018, or the NICA Act, and expands the United States' toolbox to address the challenges to democracy faced in Nicaragua. Congress passed the NICA Act in 2018 in the aftermath of Ortega's brutal crackdown of protesters that year. Since 2018, the Ortega regime's criminalization of dissent has only continued; and since I introduced RENACER in April, the regime arrested

almost 40 opposition figures, including eight possible presidential candidates.

Daniel Ortega has made it clear that he will go to any lengths to maintain power. The United States Government must use every diplomatic tool available to ensure free, fair, and competitive elections in Nicaragua. We should implement a results-oriented diplomatic strategy, in coordination with our allies, that aligns sanctions with specific outcomes. This will be the most effective way to counter the Ortega regime's efforts to use repression, persecution, and fear to prevent the Nicaraguan people from expressing their will at the ballot box.

This legislation would also expand oversight of international financial institutions' lending to Nicaragua, to ensure that any funds are helping the Nicaraguan people and not filling the coffers of corrupt actors in government. The RENACER Act also strengthens protections for humanitarian and human rights needs of the Nicaraguan people, so that our policies do not inadvertently harm the very people we seek to help. Finally, the legislation requires a number of reports, including on acts of corruption committed by the Ortega government and his family members and on human rights violations against communities marginalized by the regime.

By passing the RENACER Act, we will send a strong message that we stand with the political prisoners, their families, and with all Nicaraguans in defending their right to choose their own leaders. We will show unequivocally our firm support for the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and stand up for the Nicaraguan people.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER JANIS SCHACHTER

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janis Schachter, a dedicated and passionate educator at Northport High School. Janis Schachter is a leader and innovator in the academic discipline of News and Media Literacy. As a journalist and Social Studies teacher, Janis uses her talent and professional knowledge to engage young people in learning about the essential role of journalism in protecting our freedoms, and their shared civic responsibility to be active and informed participants in our democracy with civility and mutual respect.

Through her affiliation with the Center for News Literacy at Stony Brook University, the Law Youth and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association, and Project PATCH, the Law and Civic Education Program of the Northport—East Northport Union Free School District, Ms. Schachter has provided training in News and Media Literacy to hundreds of teachers in the United States and around the world.

On September 15, 2021, Janis Schachter was recognized with a prestigious international teaching award by Global Youth & News Media which awarded her their Silver Prize for excellence and leadership in the field of News

and Media Literacy. Her excellence as a teacher is also evident in her recognition as "Distinguished Social Studies Educator" by the New York State Council for the Social Studies.

I am proud to recognize Janis Schachter for her invaluable contribution toward education as she continues to empower young people and fellow teachers with the knowledge, skills, and values that sustain and support our democracy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a vote I missed on November 4, 2021. Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 362 on H.R. 3709, the Preliminary Damage Assessment Improvement Act of 2021, I would have voted yes. I believe this sensible, bipartisan legislation would help improve the Federal Emergency Management Agency's preliminary damage assessment process.

HONORING THOMAS JUNIOR ROSEBERRY II

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Thomas Junior Roseberry II of Bland, Virginia, who passed away on October 27, 2021, at the age of 74. Mr. Roseberry was a former Bland County sheriff and Virginia State Police trooper who made a tremendous contribution to the area.

Mr. Roseberry was born on December 18, 1946, to Thomas J. and Wanda Deck Roseberry in Pulaski, Virginia. His life was spent helping and defending those around him. He started his career with the Virginia State Police in 1968. He also worked as the Captain of Investigations for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and was elected twice as Sheriff of Bland County—once in 1988 and later in 2015. When he retired in 2019, he had cumulatively served and protected his community for a total of 51 years. In addition to his police service, Mr. Roseberry also served in the Army Reserves for 27 years and was a member of the American Legion for Bland County.

A man of integrity, Mr. Roseberry helped mentor numerous deputies and troopers not only in Bland County but all throughout the state of Virginia in both their law enforcement careers and in their personal lives. He was a man of God that led by example. He remains highly esteemed by those that know him and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Roseberry was preceded in death by his parents and one of his sisters, Carolyn Roseberry Elam, as well as her husband "T".

His survivors include his wife of 55 years, Rita T. Roseberry; daughter, Stina R. Wilburn and husband Mark; son, Thomas J. Roseberry III; daughter, Staci R. Leewright and husband Mike; son Seth E. Roseberry and fiancé Jody

Powell; ten grandchildren; two sisters, Pansy Pannell and Sandee R Janney; and Dot Kidd, who was like a second mother to him. I would like to offer my condolences to them on the loss of this great man.

FIREFIGHTER AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire, rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

First responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

Nine years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Parrish Fire District Division Chief Michael Williamson was chosen for the Career Service Award.

Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Morris Lopez; Captains Derek Butler, Michael Bugg, Erik Sawyer, and Brian Visnovic; Acting Captains Charles Bridges and Adam Brown; Firefighters Travis Poirier and Edward Kofler; Fire Medics Colin Tracey, Gilad Maimoni, Brandon Gadberry, Adam Schwer, Violet Anderson, Juanita Benjamin, Brian Johnson, and Ryan VanBuskirk; Lieutenants Joseph Blackwelder and Joshua Veeck; Driver Engineers Ralph Mascaro, Derek Wendt, Ayron Burden, Jerome Mancillas, Jeffrey Hartzner, Patrick Geiger; and Acting Driver Engineers Marc Dieth, Joshua Thompson, and Ryan Fritz; and Manatee Search and Rescue Deputy Chief John Elwood and K9 Karma, and Captain Michael Dvorak and K9 Max were chosen to receive the Unit Citation.

Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Captain John Shirah and Driver Engineer Peter Dziubinski; Sarasota County Fire Department Lieutenant Randy Allen and Fire Medics Miriam Troyer, Andrew Moler, and Michael Alberti were chosen to receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Lieutenant Kimberlee Rogers, Deputy Chief Jason Dougherty; Manatee Search Nicholas Reis; and Manatee County EMS Social Worker Sonia Shuhart were chosen for the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Terri Adams; Corporals William Barnes and Carlos Brito; and Deputies Keaton Bruce and Andrew Fleming; and Civilians Trexley and Bradley Cleopha were chosen for the Associate Service Award.

CELEBRATING KRISTY DUBINSKY'S ACHIEVEMENT

HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kristy Dubinsky, who selflessly painted portraits for the families of the 13 U.S. service members killed in evacuation efforts at the Hamid Karzai International Airport on August 26, 2021.

After learning of the suicide bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, Kristy Dubinsky immediately knew she needed to honor the 13 U.S. service members killed in that senseless act. An accomplished artist herself, Ms. Dubinsky was already working on another piece for an art show in Michigan. However, she dropped what she was working on to paint a portrait of each service member who gave their life that day.

Ms. Dubinsky, an art teacher at Elizabeth Forward High School specializing in military themes, said that "a voice in my head just kept telling me to paint the 13." Kristy documented the entire process. She posted daily on her social media platforms for others to follow along. While recording the progress over the 13 days, a disabled former Marine, Shelly Frontera, saw what Kristy posted and traveled from Michigan to honor the 13 soldiers by accompanying each painting with a red, white bud vase, and blue rose.

Ms. Dubinsky's portraits depict 12 of the 13 in formal dress: Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David Espinoza, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin Hoover, Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan Merola, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikouli, Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Pichardo, Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, Navy Hospital Corpsman Maxton Soviak, and Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan Page. Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole Gee is the only exception. Ms. Dubinsky chose to depict the iconic photo of her holding an Afghan baby as evacuation efforts continued.

Kristy's portraits are now part of the world's largest annual juried international art show, with 900 artists and thousands of visitors attending.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the achievements of Kristy Dubinsky. Her work is exceptional and solidifies her reputation as a champion of the American service members in our region.

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS—ATLANTA BRAVES

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of an event 26 years in the making. This week, Georgia, and the entire nation, watched as our Atlanta Braves shut out the Houston Astros in Game 6, clinching the World Series for Atlanta for the first time in decades.

I am so proud of this team. They fought through adversity, carrying a losing record until August 6th. They overcame injuries and fought hard for their teammates whose season ended early. Every part of the Atlanta Braves organization deserves credit for this win: from the players, to the management, and the front office staff that still believed in this team when so many others might have given up. I am thrilled for every player and every fan who has dreamed of this moment for over two decades.

The odds were against us, but to paraphrase the words of Joc Pederson, "We just might be those World Series Champs."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHIP ROY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 339.

BIOMASS & BIOGAS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Biomass and Biogas for Electric Vehicles Act."

In passing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140), Congress made electricity from renewable biomass—including biogas and waste-to-energy from feedstocks such as separated yard or food waste—eligible under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Despite years of Congressional urging, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has yet to approve a single biomass facility under the program. Some applications for biomass electricity—known as "pathway petitions" under the RFS program—have been pending now for more than 7 years.

I have long supported a utility-scale subsidy for biomass electricity to create a market for byproducts of proper forest management and hazardous fuels reduction in fire-prone states like California. This legislation fulfills that objective by working within the framework of the existing Renewable Fuel Standard, which already includes electricity generated from eligible feedstocks used as a transportation fuel.

Under current law and USEPA regulations, "renewable biomass" is already defined to include biogas, namely methane captured from livestock and agricultural byproducts, food waste, or residential yard waste. As such, my "Biomass and Biogas for Electric Vehicles Act" would complement the significant investments California is making under the State's successful Dairy Digester Research and Development Program.

Currently, the USEPA requires facilities to prove with near-perfect traceability that the electricity generated is used as a transportation fuel to participate in the RFS program. Most renewable biomass facilities are selling electricity into the grid and, therefore, cannot

prove definitively that each electron generated is used exclusively by electric vehicles.

The “Biomass and Biogas for Electric Vehicles Act” would enable biomass facilities generating renewable electricity to finally participate in the RFS program. Instead of requiring that biomass facilities meet the impossible task of proving that the electricity generated and sold into the grid is used directly as a transportation fuel, my legislation directs the USEPA to extrapolate the percentage of total U.S. electricity generation used for charging electric vehicles. The USEPA would then set a quarterly quota for each biomass facility registered under the RFS program, limited by each facility’s maximum design capacity and the amount of electricity generated.

I recognize that some biomass and biogas facilities, specifically those with on-site electric vehicle charging stations, can meet the USEPA’s current traceability requirement. That is why my legislation would grandfather any facilities with a written contract or affidavit accepted by USEPA demonstrating that the electricity generated is used as transportation fuel.

My legislation would also authorize USEPA to collect a reasonable fee from industry to cover the costs of reviewing any applications (pathway petitions or facility registration requests) for renewable electricity submitted under the RFS program. In a 2016 “advance notice of proposed rulemaking,” the USEPA cited inadequate agency resources as a major impediment to approval of renewable electricity under the RFS program. The USEPA could waive these application fees for municipally owned biomass or biogas facilities under my bill. This fee-for-service model is based on the USEPA’s regulatory regime under the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (title V of Public Law 108–199), which is widely regarded as successful and enjoys broad-based support in Congress.

Lastly, my legislation would make biomass removed from federal forestlands eligible under the RFS. Current law only allows biomass collected from non-federal lands, including privately owned land, state or locally owned public lands, and tribal land held in trust by the federal government, to qualify as renewable biomass under the RFS. This restriction is arbitrary and hampers market-driven incentives to reduce the overload of hazardous fuels for wildfires on our National Forests and other federal forestlands. However, I want to be clear that my legislation would not open federal forestland to timber harvests or commercial hazardous fuels removal where such activities are prohibited currently.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members to co-sponsor the “Biomass and Biogas for Electric Vehicles Act.” As California and other western states face increasingly severe and year-round fire seasons due to global climate change, we simply must create a market for forest byproducts to incentivize much-needed hazardous fuels reduction. Renewable electricity from biomass and biogas also helps to reduce our nation’s greenhouse gas emissions and to transition to a clean energy economy. While these measures alone will not solve the climate crisis or prevent all catastrophic wildfires, they are undoubtedly part of the solution.

CONGRATULATING REV. DR. BENJAMIN THOMAS, SR. ON HIS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Reverend Dr. Benjamin N. Thomas Sr., who recently celebrated his 30th Pastoral Anniversary at the Historic Tanner Chapel AME Church, the oldest African American church in Arizona.

Reverend Thomas first came to Tanner Chapel in October 1991 and since then has been dedicated to serving not only his church, but the whole Phoenix community. He has served on the boards of several organizations, including as Commissioner of the Arizona Commission on African-American Affairs, member of the Arizona Department of Economic Security Board of Directors, and President of the Arizona Ecumenical Council of Churches. In 2001, he founded Tanner Community Development Corporation to help families meet their spiritual, economic, educational, health, and housing needs. Prior to coming to Phoenix, he served as the pastor of AME churches in Los Angeles, California; Seattle, Washington; and Joplin, Missouri. A dedicated family man, Reverend Thomas is husband to Beverly Thomas, father to Rev. Benjamin Thomas Jr., and a proud grandfather.

Reverend Thomas has been a role model to so many throughout the years. Although he has had opportunities to pastor elsewhere or to move up within church leadership, he has remained dedicated to Tanner Chapel and the Phoenix Community. I would like to congratulate Reverend Thomas on 30 years of pastoring at Tanner Chapel, thank him for his decades of service to the Phoenix community, and wish him the best as he continues his journey with members of the Historic Tanner Chapel AME Church.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF WILLIAM “BILL” MOUSER

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life of William “Bill” Mouser, who passed away recently after a lifetime of service to his fellow Michiganders. Through his constant dedication, tenacity, and leadership, Bill became an essential part of the Northern Michigan community.

William Mouser was born in Hastings, Michigan, on September 10, 1950, and graduated from Lake Wood High School in Lake Odessa in 1968. He furthered his education at Lansing Community College where he met his future wife, Shirley Jean Peters, who he married in 1972. With a drive to serve his local community, Bill spent much of his retirement as a part-time facilities manager in Garfield Township and served on numerous local boards including the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, the Green Lake Township Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Com-

mission. Bill’s passing is a significant loss to our community, and he is missed dearly by his family and friends. Mr. Mouser’s tireless devotion to the public good touched the lives of many Michiganders, and the impact of his work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan’s First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of William “Bill” Mouser. He will be forever remembered for the many lives he bettered throughout his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 357; Yea on Roll Call No. 359; YEA on Roll Call No. 360; YEA on Roll Call No. 361; YEA on Roll Call No. 362; YEA on Roll Call No. 363; YEA on Roll Call No. 364; YEA on Roll Call No. 365; and YEA on Roll Call No. 366.

ATLANTA BRAVES WORLD SERIES WIN

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Atlanta Braves for winning the 2021 World Series.

It’s been 26 years since “America’s Team” clinched a World Series. I remember the stars of that 1995 World Series team—Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, Chipper Jones, and Greg Maddux, just to name a few. Just like that World Series lives in the minds of many, the 2021 World Series against the Houston Astros will hold a special place in the minds of baseball fans across our state—and all throughout Braves country—for years to come.

Despite Atlanta having the All-Star Game taken away in July and not having the chance to honor the late, great Hank Aaron on a national stage, the Braves found a way to bring the Fall Classic back to Georgia and pay tribute to Hank—and fittingly clinched the series in the 44th week of the year.

This team fought the entire season—despite having as low as a 0.3 percent chance to win the World Series back in mid-July and not having a winning record until August 6th. They overcame a tremendous number of obstacles to bring the trophy back to the Peach State. They have made Georgia very proud, and I look forward to them defending their title next year.

Chop On and Go Braves.

RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN, DEAN MCKINLEY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize WWII Veteran, Dean McKinley.

Born in 1920, McKinley would lose his father as an infant. Determined to succeed at a young age, Dean took a typing and shorthand course, which would set the stage for his future career.

Following his graduation from high school in 1937, Dean would make the decision to sign up for the Selected Service. However, due to asthma, Dean was unable to pass the physical exam, excluding him from the draft. Yet, his condition did not deter him from serving his country. After undergoing chiropractic treatments, Dean's asthma was alleviated, allowing him to apply for the Marine Corps in December of 1942—the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

While stationed in San Diego prior to his unit shipping out to Japan, Dean would take on the role of court reporter for the Board of Inquiry after the tragic suicide of a fellow Marine Officer. The typing and shorthand course taken in his youth unexpectedly proved to be useful as Dean was the only one in his unit able to write shorthand. When presented with Dean's work, the General promoted him on the spot. In as little as two years, Dean would earn promotions to the ranks of Senior Tech, Master Sergeant, and Aviation West Coast which was an unheard of upward-mobility. Impressively, Dean would go on to serve as the General's Stenographer and Secretary.

After contracting malaria while stationed in New Zealand, Dean was discharged from the Marines and returned to the States where he would marry his wife, Marvel. Dean and Marvel have been married for over 77 years and can still be found playing bridge together every week.

Following his time in the military, Dean would begin his career as a chiropractor, devoting 43 years of his life to the very practice that provided him the opportunity to serve his country.

Now as we recognize Dean McKinley, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring his sacrifice and service.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CHIEF BRETT MAHONEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding, distinguished career of Police Chief Brett Mahoney of Waterford, Connecticut. After more than 26 years of diligent service to the town of Waterford, Chief Mahoney "pulled the pin" and retired on October 29, 2021. He was sent off at a well-attended retirement ceremony where the department and town officials took the opportunity in heartfelt remarks to remember Chief Mahoney just as he is: a highly talented, good-natured community member and a dedicated public servant.

As a native of nearby Westbrook, Connecticut, Brett steered his drive and focus toward bettering Connecticut from an early age. He placed high value in obtaining an education, graduating with a bachelor's in English Literature from Central Connecticut State University. Upon obtaining his first degree, Brett eagerly began his work in Connecticut law en-

forcement with a brief stint at the East Hampton Police Department before starting his nearly three-decade-long journey with Waterford Police in 1995. In his first few years as a Waterford patrol officer, Brett distinguished himself within the department by dutifully serving on task forces with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. His valuable contributions to the force were rightfully recognized by the department as he rose through the ranks to Sergeant in 1999 and then to Lieutenant in 2005. During his time as Lieutenant, Brett committed himself to advancing his law enforcement education, graduating from the FBI National Academy in 2012 and returning to Central Connecticut to earn a master's degree in Criminal Justice. His work with the FBI is something I particularly appreciate, since my father Robert Courtney who spent his retirement years in Waterford served in the FBI during World War II in its Manhattan office.

In October 2015, Lieutenant Mahoney was promoted to Waterford's Chief of Police. It was not just his accomplished background that produced this promotion, but also his obvious leadership qualities. As Chief, Brett led the department with compassion for his community and commitment to ensure the department's success by modernizing and enhancing its members' capabilities. Chief Mahoney strengthened community engagement by integrating 21st technology into the town and department. During his time as Chief, Brett became chairman of the town's Information Technology Committee and oversaw the department-wide rollout of body cameras for all Waterford officers, building upon an already existent brand of transparency with the community.

Brett's transformational leadership extended far beyond the department. Chief Mahoney utilized the department as a stalwart supporter in community outreach efforts like the Waterford Youth and Family Services 2020 Turkey Drive and breast cancer fundraisers for Waterford-led foundations. Chief Mahoney also initiated one of the first-of-its-kind programs in Connecticut, where Waterford officers were trained to connect and interact with community members diagnosed with cognitive impairments so that they had greater sensitivity and awareness with the town's more vulnerable population. Through this new program, first responders have honed their emergency response tactics and gained a refined understanding of the needs of their fellow community members. Chief Mahoney's emphasis on positive departmental and community change coupled with his genuine compassion for Waterford has undoubtedly left the town and the police department in a stronger, better position than it was 26 years ago.

Madam Speaker, as the representative for the town of Waterford, Connecticut I can firmly state that it is constituents like Brett Mahoney whose dedication to their community represents the best of Eastern Connecticut's spirit. Even though he is stepping away from the department, Chief Mahoney has affirmed that his heart will always lay with the Town of Waterford and that he will continue to support the local department any way he can as a resident. Now that he has positioned the department for greater success along with the help of his colleagues, Brett will embark on a new chapter with his family—his wife, Michelle, and two daughters Marin and Clara—as deputy

chief of police with the University of New Haven. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring and thanking Waterford Police Chief Brett Mahoney for his exemplary service and to wish the Mahoney family all the best on their new path in life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2021 DEARBORN, MICHIGAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR STEPHEN FLETCHER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen Fletcher of Dearborn Heights, Michigan on the occasion of being named Veteran of the Year by the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

Raised in Michigan, Mr. Fletcher's interest in serving his country was sparked by his family's legacy of service. His great-grandfather served during World War I, his father served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and his older brother served in the Army and Marines. In high school, he decided to take courses with the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and went to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, then military occupational specialty training at Marine Corps Base Quantico, where he graduated top of his class. He served overseas in Okinawa, Japan and at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, retiring from the Marines at the rank of corporal. He served from 1981 to 1986.

After the attacks of September 11, 2001, Mr. Fletcher once again felt the call to serve his country. Though he couldn't rejoin the Marines, in July 2014 he joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he remains today. A familiar face in active military and veteran groups in Metro Detroit, he served as commander of the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council in 2017. Additionally, Mr. Fletcher is a member of the Marine Corps League 152 and the American Legion Post 364.

Despite his numerous commitments, he still finds time in his busy schedule to give back. Mr. Fletcher is most proud of his work with the Missing in America Project that helps give forgotten remains of veterans a proper burial. Three days a week he volunteers at the Freedom Center at Detroit Airport and assists in creating online memorial profiles for those killed in action on Together We Served. Each year, he helps at various local events including at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light Up the Night walk that he attends in honor of his father who had leukemia. He is someone who knows the true meaning of public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Stephen Fletcher on this well-deserved commendation. He has honorably served this country throughout his exemplary military career. I join with Stephen's family, friends, and colleagues in thanking him for his continued service to our community and our Nation.

HONORING WORLD WAR II
VETERAN HEINZ G. BACHMAN

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Heinz G. Bachman, a 100-year-old World War II veteran who hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Bachman was stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii during Pearl Harbor. Throughout his life Mr. Bachman exemplified the best of us and I am proud to recognize him on this Veterans Day.

Mr. Heinz Bachman was born on October 22, 1921 in Mülhausen, Germany. Shortly thereafter, his family immigrated to the United States, landing on Ellis Island in 1924. By 1934 his family fully emigrated and became U.S. citizens. With the rise of the Axis powers and seeing conflicts across the globe, Mr. Bachman's father encouraged him to enter the armed forces. By 1939, Mr. Bachman joined the United States military beginning at Fort Dix, New Jersey. During his time in service, Mr. Bachman worked as a translator serving in the Army Air Corps, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In 1941, Mr. Bachman was stationed at Hickman Air Force Base when the Imperial Japanese Forces bombarded Pearl Harbor and surrounding military installations throughout Hawaii. Mr. Bachman was fortunate to be away from the main building on detached service where bombardments hit the buildings center. Upon completion of service in 1945, Mr. Bachman went on to interview German civilians for the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey. Mr. Bachman married the love of his life, Mrs. Virginia Bachman and raised a family together.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Heinz Bachman for service and commitment to our great country. I thank Mr. Bachman for everything he has done for our community and country. It is my hope that he will continue to share his story. Happy Veterans Day.

RECOGNIZING CHINESE-AMERICAN
WORLD WAR II VETERANS FROM
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the following Chinese American Veterans from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who served gallantly in our United States military during WWII:

Henry Chang, Joseph Ying Yuen, Mong Quong Lee, Tuck Y. Young, Going T. Chin, Arthur Jun Lee, Yee Yuen, Anthony Wong, Mon Sheu Lee, Mun Pon Wong, Livingston Chunn, S. Young Louie, Hong G. Lee, Charles Nong Louie, Stanley Chunn, Harry Jung, Bon Yue Li, Harry G. Chin, Benjamin CK Tom, Paul Moy Toy, Chin J. Bow.

George R. Jung, Yen Yee, Raymond Lee, Mun H. Wong, Robert L. Moy, Chester Gon Chu, Jan Louie, George D. Lee, Louie W. Chung, Ralph Wing Jung, Ming B. Wing, Jake Fong, Pow-Hen L. Lee, Hang C. Young, Paul Toy, Sik Woo Ting.

James S. Louie, Dun S. Mark, Ming K. Ngee, Going G. Ju, Dunai Harry Yee, Richard D. Lem, Fan G. Ngee, James Lum, Ng Way Yee, Sing Shang Ching, Hol Yook Wong, George Jung, Mun Pon Wong.

In 2018, Congress passed and the President signed into law S. 1050—The Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act, which authorized the Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to these individuals in recognition for both their service to our Nation during a time at war and to our Nation's Chinese American community. Not only did they help in defeating our Nation's enemies, but they overcame the many challenges they and their families had due to the existence of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. As a matter of fact, 40% of the Chinese who served were not even citizens of the United States at the time. It was not that they did not want to become citizens, but that they were denied that right under the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. However, due to their service and sacrifices for our Nation during WWII, Congress finally repealed this unjust law in 1943. This laid the groundwork for many of our Veterans to return home after the war and to attain the opportunities that they rightfully earned in their military service to our Nation.

I would respectfully like our Congress today to show our appreciation and gratitude to these great Americans. We will always remember and treasure their personal sacrifices and contributions to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 344 on November 2, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 344. Additionally, I missed the vote on Roll Call No. 351 on November 2, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 351.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JULIUS L.
CHAMBERS, CIVIL RIGHTS AT-
TORNEY AND EDUCATOR

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, eleven months ago, on December 3, 2020, legislation introduced by my friend and colleague, Congresswoman ALMA ADAMS of North Carolina, was signed into law as P.L. 116–203, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue

in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office".

As a senior member of the Committee on the Judiciary and one who benefited from the work to which Julius Chambers dedicated his life, I rise to briefly discuss for the record why this was a fitting and appropriate tribute to one of the giants of the Civil Rights Movement and the unending quest for equal justice under the law and to make our union more perfect.

Born October 6, 1936 in Mount Gilead, North Carolina, Julius LeVonne Chambers grew up during the Jim Crow era during which he experienced daily the indignity of racial discrimination.

In order to help end segregation and racial discrimination, Julius Chambers decided to pursue a career in law.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from North Carolina Central University, Julius Chambers attended the University of Michigan where he earned a masters degree in history.

Julius Chambers then returned to his native North Carolina to attend law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was the first African American editor-in-chief of the school's law review, and graduated as valedictorian in his class of 100 students.

Julius Chambers became the first African American to gain membership in the Order of the Golden Fleece, which is the University's highest honorary society.

In 1964, Julius Chambers earned his LL.M from Columbia University Law School.

Julius Chambers began his law practice in Charlotte, North Carolina, becoming the first integrated firm in the history of North Carolina.

Under the leadership of Julius Chambers, the firm took and won several important cases in the Supreme Court of the United States that eradicate discrimination and strengthen America's civil rights laws.

In the course of this important work, Julius Chambers faced several challenges and obstacles, including threats of harm and actual violence when his car, law office, and house were bombed by segregationist terrorists.

In 1984, Julius Chambers left the Charlotte firm to accept the position of Director and Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. and under his leadership, the LDF took several cases to court regarding education, voting rights, employment, capital punishment, prisons and housing.

In 1993, Julius Chambers left the LDF to return to Durham, North Carolina to become the chancellor of his alma mater: North Carolina Central University.

Julius Chambers' remarkable career in education is impressive: he served as lecturer at several law schools, including Harvard, the University of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, and the University of Michigan.

Julius Chambers also served as distinguished professor at North Carolina Central University and clinical professor of law and director of the Center for Civil Rights at the University of North Carolina Law School.

Madam Speaker, P.L. 116–203 memorializes Julius Chambers, a lion of the struggle for civil rights and a great man whose good works remind us all what America can and deserves to become: a land of equal opportunity and equal justice under the law.

RECOGNIZING SCOTTISH RITE FOR CHILDREN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate Texas Scottish Rite for Children on 100 years of orthopedic excellence and commitment to improving the lives of children around the world.

Founded by a group of Texas Masons, Scottish Rite for Children first opened its doors on October 10, 1921. In partnership with Dallas' first Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. William Bell Carrell, the clinic's mission was to provide free medical care to children with polio. Following the eradication of polio in America, the hospital grew to specialize in complex pediatric orthopedic conditions with a focus on muscles, bones, and joints. The scope of care would further broaden to include neurodevelopmental and musculoskeletal conditions as well as specific learning disorders.

What began as a one-room clinic run by Dr. Carrell has today grown into a world-renowned hospital whose groundbreaking research has paved the way for advanced treatments for over 350,000 patients.

Home to several specialized research centers, Scottish Rite remains a pioneer in innovative treatments holding over fifty patents. Active involvement in hundreds of projects range from areas focused on molecular genetics to those in bioengineering and biomechanics. Further, collaboration between researchers from various educational backgrounds have resulted in the creation of surgical implants, treatment for specific disorders, and rehabilitation aids.

The success of the hospital would not be possible without the help of volunteers, staff member and donors who have a shared commitment to improving the lives of the children they serve locally and across the world.

Today, Scottish Rite has distinguished itself as a healthcare campus instilling hope in patients and caregivers. Designed with both patient and family experience in mind, its research centers and facilities are connected to playgrounds, parks, and fitness centers, while the colorful hallways carry the aroma of the over two tons of signature popcorn popped annually.

Consistently recognized as a top-performing children's hospital, it is no surprise they have been ranked among the Top 5 Orthopedic Programs in the U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospital's survey and have also been recognized on multiple occasions by NRC Health with the Excellence in Patient Experience Award.

Now as we recognize Scottish Rite for Children on this milestone occasion, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring 100 years of exemplary care and innovation.

RECOGNIZING THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the volunteers of the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia and to thank them for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community.

Organized in 1997, the formally named Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is a nonprofit that provides services to help older adults continue living independently, and it offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization.

Each year, over 250 volunteers support older residents who want to both age in place in their homes and stay engaged in social activities. Services are available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

In the past few years, the Shepherd's Center has greatly expanded their geographical footprint. After seeing a rising need in Reston and Herndon for free transportation services for seniors, the original Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna expanded their service area. Earlier this year that expansion continued as the Shepherd's Center expanded to include the former territory covered by the Shepherd's Center of Great Falls, creating one unified Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia.

As the Shepherd's Center has grown, they have been able to share their vision with even more older adults in our communities which has been more important than ever. The commitment to a world without loneliness has a whole new meaning as we have navigated this pandemic with social distancing and quarantining. The Shepherd's Center's innovation and dedication to our community has been invaluable, especially during this past year and a half.

The services and programs offered by the Shepherd's Center help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through the promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia for its work to enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and efforts to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT CEREMONY AWARDEES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County 4-H Achievement Night Ceremony Awardees.

Each year, the Fairfax County 4-H offers fun and hands-on learning experiences to youth ages 5 through 18 with the help of dedicated volunteers. These unique opportunities to educate on subjects such as animals, leadership, cooking, and the outdoors is contributing towards developing our future leaders of tomorrow. This year's awardees are integral to the success of Fairfax County 4-H, and the enrichment opportunities and experiences will last a lifetime. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following awardees and commend them for their service to the Fairfax County 4-H:

Emilia Anderson, Sugirthan Arun, Sarah Banko, Lauren Banko, Becca Berglie, Alexandra Blake, Ariana Blake, Avery Blosil, Jonathan Carney, Tyler Carney, Renee Coppock, Kate Diller, Tony Diller, Mary Moss, Sofia Parra-Gomez, Owen Penrose, Nora Pollack, Jason Powers, Ashley Powers, Ashlynn Prisky, Katrina Rakusan, Helen Rix, Hannah Rosenbusch.

Ariana Dzubin, Ethan Dzubin, Maria Frago, Penny Gray, James Gray, Juliette Hainuat, Charlotte Hainuat, Emily Hollinger, Lucas Hollinger, Ian Kruszewski, Johanna McMullen, Alexa Mitchell, Kaitlin Moss, Anya Sargurudoss, Sabrina Shumway, Madeline Smith, Rosemary Stuhldreher, Anna Townsend, Kate Townsend, Chris'Shon Trice, Athena Trollinger, Matthew Trollinger.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Fairfax County 4-H award recipients. These individuals have dedicated countless hours of service to ensure that the Fairfax County 4-H is able to provide exceptional leadership and learning opportunities to the youth of Fairfax County, Virginia.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3684 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gives the overall infrastructure in the United States a dismal C- rating—and many of ASCE's scoring categories, including roads, waterways, levees, transit, and wastewater, score lower than the nation's overall average. Our national infrastructure is crumbling, outdated, and in urgent need of significant upgrades. Additionally, the largest source of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions in the country comes from the transportation sector, which disproportionately affects low-income communities and communities of color. Though this legislation leaves out many of the crucial climate provisions in the House-passed INVEST in America Act, it still represents a robust and meaningful investment in a more connected and resilient nation.

The IIJA makes overdue investments in our nation's transportation sector. IIJA provides \$110 billion for roads, bridges, and major projects, and makes some notable investments in clean transportation by providing more than \$20 billion for electric vehicle

charging infrastructure—the single largest federal investment of its kind in history. These investments are necessary, because 43 percent of public roadways are in poor condition, 40 percent of the 600,000 bridges in the United States are at least 50 years old, and more than one-third of all bridges need repairs. In addition, the IIJA includes over \$16 billion for waterway and coastal projects, including \$2.25 billion for the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP), which supports investments in projects to upgrade and modernize ports. Coastal communities like mine in Oregon understand how important these investments are to maintain and expand ports as hubs for commerce, employment, and transportation.

Widespread and dependable public transit systems are necessary to create more equitable communities and reduce carbon emissions. Public transportation provides communities with affordable commuting options that facilitate access to employment, school and daycare, vital health care services, and more. The Department of Transportation reports that nearly half of the total carbon footprint of the typical American family with two cars comes from car transportation. The IIJA provides more than \$39 billion to support public transit, which will help reduce congestion and carbon emissions. This investment is estimated to support repairs for more than 24,000 buses, 5,000 rail cars, and thousands of miles of tracks, all of which will help connect communities and support emissions reductions. The bill also includes \$5 billion for low- and zero-emission buses—including school buses—which will help cut emissions that hurt vulnerable communities and students.

Climate change is increasing the intensity and frequency of severe weather events like the fires, heatwaves, and droughts that the Pacific Northwest has experienced over the last year. We must improve our nation's infrastructure to withstand and protect people and property from these extreme weather events. The IIJA includes \$65 billion for power and grid infrastructure resilience and expansion. This includes funding to support efforts to harden the electric grid against disruptive weather events, as well as funding to promote innovative demonstration projects that will improve grid resilience. The legislation also provides more than \$3 billion for wildfire risk reduction efforts, including funding for firefighting resources, and \$3 billion for the U.S. Forest Service to implement ecosystem restoration projects that can help minimize the spread of wildfires.

Though broadband access has steadily declined for the overall population, Americans who are non-white, less educated, lower income, and residents of rural communities disproportionately have limited broadband access. The 19 million Americans that lack access to consistent, quality broadband, may have greater difficulty realizing certain employment, educational, and social opportunities. To help remedy this disparity, the IIJA invests \$65 billion for broadband investment, including funding for state grants, additional support for rural communities and Tribes, and support to accelerate broadband uptake through digital literacy training.

By making crucial investments in our nation's infrastructure, this bill will create new, good-paying jobs and will help support our nation through the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It represents a significant commit-

ment toward a more connected and resilient nation, and I applaud the House and Senate for passage of this historic legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORNERSTONES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Cornerstones.

Established in 1970 to address the need for affordable housing, Cornerstones has grown to become a significant human services provider and advocate for those struggling to make ends meet in Northern Virginia. Over the years, Cornerstones' scope of programs and number of clients has continued to grow. Cornerstones has expanded to cover most of northwestern Fairfax County and has been able to help more than 16,000 neighbors each year who need housing, childcare, food, or financial assistance.

Cornerstones promotes self-sufficiency by providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services. The wrap-around services—provided by Cornerstones not only addresses the immediate needs of their clients, but also help provide the support needed for individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty or homelessness and begin their journey to independence and self-sufficiency. Cornerstones continues to envision a community that values all people and shares resources and services to empower those in need.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Cornerstones has continued to provide vital services and programs to the most vulnerable in our community that have been hit hard by COVID-19. With adjustments to in-person services to engage people safely, and a new focus on virtual programs, Cornerstones has been able to continue making a positive impact.

There were drastic increases in the number of individuals and families seeking assistance from the Cornerstones' Food Pantry, as well as their other services such as their youth programs, community and neighborhood resources, and housing counseling programs. Cornerstones was able to rise to the challenge and meet the demand with their dedicated staff and volunteers.

Cornerstones emphasizes the importance of stability, empowerment, and hope through their work in Fairfax County. Their commitment and resilience throughout the past 50 years, and especially throughout the pandemic, serves as a beacon of inspiration for our county as we continue to work to address the systemic inequities and barriers that exist for so many.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cornerstones for their 50th anniversary, and I sincerely thank their employees and volunteers who give their time and energy on behalf of our community. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to their fellow neighbors and serve as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3684, THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today I cast my vote in support of this once-in-a-generation bipartisan infrastructure bill. While the bill does not contain as many resources as I feel are needed nor is it as robust as initially envisioned, the legislation makes a momentous investment in infrastructure that Chicago and our nation desperately need.

Chicago needs the largest federal investment in public transit ever.

Chicago needs the largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak.

Chicago needs to improve its bridges, highways, and schools.

Our neighborhoods need clean drinking water, our lead pipes need replacing, and our wastewater infrastructure requires substantial improvements. Parents should know that the water they're kids are drinking is safe from lead leaching out of old pipes or contaminated brownfields.

Chicago needs the good paying jobs—union jobs—with an expected 2 million jobs per year with critical labor protections, buy America provisions to support manufacturing here at home, and jobs in the growing clean energy industry.

Chicago needs the historic investment in highspeed internet to every American household to erase the digital divide and improve equity in technology access. Students, workers, and seniors on the West Side of Chicago shouldn't be locked out of education, applying for jobs, and accessing services by limited internet.

Chicago needs the cleaner environment that comes with electric buses and renewable energy. African American children experience higher rates of asthma, and diesel air pollution hurt our communities.

This legislation advances economic and public health opportunities for people of color. The effects of decades of disinvestment have fallen hardest on communities of color. Through substantial investments in good-paying jobs, affordable high-speed internet, public transportation, safe drinking water, and modern bridges and roads, this bill works to improve racial and economic equity.

I wholeheartedly support the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act because doing so guarantees tens of millions of dollars and thousands of jobs for Illinois, helping revitalize my community and communities across the country.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERRIFIELD FOR THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the First Baptist Church of Merrifield

(FBCM) on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its sanctuary.

First Baptist Church of Merrifield was started in a log cabin between 1871–1872. FBCM had then branched out and began worshipping on property owned by Mr. Robert Bradley of Merrifield. In 1891, the property was purchased from him by church Trustees: John E. Coates, Joshua Ball, and Joshua Pearson for the sum of five dollars. And quickly, FBCM was a church formed from strong community family ties.

First Baptist Church of Merrifield was unable to adequately celebrate their 150th “Sesquicentennial” Homecoming Anniversary in 2020 due to the challenges of COVID-19. This year’s celebration is significant as the spirit of last year is incorporated with the excitement of reaching 151 years. First Baptist Church of Merrifield remains a vital part of the community today partnering with their neighbors both before and during COVID-19. They hosted the Greater Merrifield Business Association Annual Fall Festival in 2018, and virtual Sunday Services and Bible Studies continued to be held each week. They also organized First Baptist Church of Merrifield Community Festivals held in 2018 and 2019, that included free food giveaways, gift card give-away, seminars on anxiety and grief, free tutoring, and mentorship sessions with local schools within the community (Luther Jackson Middle School, Timber Lane Elementary School, Annandale High School) as well as other outreach efforts.

In 151 years, there have been 13 pastors and 2 interim pastors. Each one contributing to the growth of FBCM in their own way. A few of those contributions include: the establishment of the Golden Ages Senior Saints Ministry, the Merrifield Child Development Center, the Recovery of the Historic Bell, creation of a youth mentoring program with Luther Jackson Middle School, tutoring outreach with Luther Jackson Middle School, Timber Lane Elementary School, and Annandale High School, and much more. FBCM truly leads by both faith and example in our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending First Baptist Church of Merrifield for its efforts to better the Northern Virginia region and in congratulating them on the occasion of this anniversary. It is a privilege to work alongside this great congregation in the community, and I wish them continued success through faith, family, and service.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MERCED COLLEGE’S LOS BANOS CAMPUS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced College’s Los Banos Campus on its 50th anniversary. This phenomenal educational institution has been providing the students of Los Banos and the Central Valley with a high-quality educational institution for 50 years.

In 1971, Merced College President Lowell Barker alongside founding Dean Ted McVey decided to begin providing full-time education services to student in a rented facility. From there, the campus eventually moved to a plot

of 10 acres of land donated by resident Richard Menezes in 1982.

They began the process of setting up their new permanent campus after a land donation from Larry and Georgeann Anderson in 2002. Finally, in 2007, the current Los Banos Campus opened its doors for its students, and has continued to provide a wide range of courses to assist students in their path towards a degree or transfer.

The Los Banos Campus also provides a great selection of career technical education courses that, in as little as six months, can prepare students to enter directly into the workforce. In addition to this, the campus continues to expand its use and implementation of various technological resources for its students to ensure they are set up for success.

For the students of Los Banos, this educational institution serves a vital role in providing robust opportunities, while ensuring that these individuals can have access to these experiences right in their own hometown, thus reducing significant barriers to their success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Merced College’s Los Banos Campus on its 50th anniversary. Its service and contributions to the State of California and the San Joaquin Valley will always be celebrated.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) and to congratulate the recipients of its Annual Awards of Excellence. Founded in 1989, the mission of GOPIO is battling human rights violations committed against persons of Indian origin. Today, while that mission continues, GOPIO has also broadened its mission to include bringing together persons of Indian origin for the benefit of not only themselves and their Indian homeland, but also the communities in which they currently reside.

Indian-Americans have made countless contributions to the United States in the fields of business, education, medicine, science, technology, and public service while preserving and sharing their culture in a manner that promotes tolerance and mutual understanding.

Many of our awardees have been at the forefront of those efforts. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the following individuals:

Dr. V.K. Raju—Medicine
Dr. Vikram Raya—Entrepreneurship
Dr. Korok Ray—Innovation & Research
Dr. Ram Gupta—Education
Professor Indrajit S. Saluja—Journalism
Nilima Mehra—Media Journalism
Vinita Tiwari—Arts & Culture Poet, Singer & Dancer
Janetha R. Kancharla—Philanthropy & Advocacy

Northern Virginia, which I am proud to represent in Congress, is blessed by its diversity. We are home to more than 40,000 people of

Indian descent as well as Indian-American owned small businesses. This diversity enriches our entire community and contributes to our region being considered one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family, and start a business.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the recipients of the GOPIO Awards of Excellence on their accomplishments. I commend them for their service to their communities and to our Nation, and I wish them success in all their future endeavors.

PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I thank Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Whip CLYBURN, Chairman NADLER, and all my distinguished colleagues for their work to ensure the House passed legislation to protect voting rights. It is time for the Senate to do the same.

We have seen an uptick in voter suppression efforts across our nation to undercut the representation of communities of color, specifically African Americans. With historic levels of voter turnout in recent elections, our Republican colleagues have interpreted this increased participation in civic life as a threat and campaigned to disenfranchise Black voters under the guise of protecting against “voter fraud.”

Sadly, voter suppression efforts are not new to African American communities. I remember growing up in El Paso, Texas when the poll tax was still being collected. We have endured decades of abuse by political parties and election officials seeking to deny us our constitutional right to vote. Therefore, it is urgent that the Senate pass The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. This critical legislation would restore Section 5 and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits racially discriminatory changes to the voting process and restrictions to the right to vote.

Lastly, I’d just like to say that the world is watching us. As Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and having served as an election observer in other countries, I know the importance of a free and fair election and how it strengthens a democracy. Across the country we are witnessing a coordinated assault on the integrity of our electoral process. We need to live up to our own ideals to stand as an example for other countries to follow.

The Senate must pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. It will strengthen our democracy and give us the tools to fight voter suppression.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 10TH ANNUAL ARTSFAIRFAX AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize ArtsFairfax and the recipients of the

2021 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as individuals and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. ArtsFairfax operates programs and initiatives that include grants, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for artists and arts organizations.

Despite the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented to the arts community, in FY2020, ArtsFairfax awarded over \$550,000 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to arts organizations and individual artists. These grants helped fund over 23,500 arts programs which reached more than 440,700 audience members: ArtsFairfax's resiliency and adaptability allowed the organization to continue meeting the needs of the arts community even during these unprecedented times.

The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Arts Impact Award, the Arts Education Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2021 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2021 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to the National Museum of the United States Army.

The 2021 Arts Impact Award will be presented to 1st Stage.

The 2021 Arts Education Award will be presented to the Traveling Players Ensemble and artist Kelli Schollard-Sincock.

The 2021 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to the Reston Town Center Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2021 Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HISTORY OF TOLEDO CHAPTER ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Toledo Chapter of Zonta International, on November 25, 1921, Toledo women joined forces to form the Zonta Club of Toledo. Those early founders, leading professional women of the day, carried forth the organization's vision as a women's service organization that would advocate for policies ensuring gender equality, protect the rights of women and girls, reduce the incidents of violence against them, and empower women and girls to reach their full potential.

Two years after the formation of Zonta International, on November 25, 1921, Toledo women joined forces to form the Zonta Club of Toledo. Those early founders, leading professional women of the day, carried forth the organization's vision as a women's service organization that would advocate for policies ensuring gender equality, protect the rights of women and girls, reduce the incidents of violence against them, and empower women and girls to reach their full potential.

To that end, in its century of service the women of Zonta Club of Toledo have led the

way in efforts to promote the development of women while providing planning, financial and volunteer support to numerous initiatives. Zonta has assisted the Area Office on Aging Kinship Navigator program, Bethany House shelter, YMCA Storer Camps and YWCA battered women's shelter, purchased HIV/AIDS test kits for Plan Parenthood, raised awareness regarding human trafficking and domestic violence, provided scholarship opportunities and offered volunteer support to a variety of services in our community and globally. Through one hundred years, the members of the Zonta Club of Toledo have continued to build the organization into one of excellence and inspiration.

Zonta's mission is to improve "the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy" while "working for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a global fellowship of Zonta members." As one of the oldest chapters, the Zonta Club of Toledo serves this mission well and its members truly reflect Zonta's efforts to promote "justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel prize laureate and Pakistani activist, said "When the whole world is silent even one voice becomes powerful." Throughout a century of service, the women of the Zonta Club of Toledo have united many and varied voices into one powerful voice and in the process are changing the world. Onward Zonta, for the next hundred years.

RECOGNIZING THE 2021 LORDS AND LADIES OF FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. Every year, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional commitments and contributions to our community. Since the program's inception in 1984, approximately 600 individuals have earned the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of Supervisors.

This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will recognize those individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments of the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and are worthy of our praise and sincere appreciation.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the names of the 2021 Lords and Ladies Fairfax:

At-Large: Lady Pamela Montesinos and Lord Andres Jimenez

Braddock District: Lady Leeann Alberts and Lord Robert W. Cosgriff

Dranesville District: Lady Janie Strauss and Lord William Canis

Hunter Mill District: Lady Brenda Irons-LeCesne and Lord Alvarez LeCesne Jr.

Lee District: Lady Renee Grebe and Lord Keith Fox

Mason District: Lady Nancy Joyner and Lord William D. Lecos

Mount Vernon District: Lady Lisa Sales and Lord Keary Kincannon

Providence District: Lady Mercedes Dash and Lord Ken McMillon

Springfield District: Lady Christy Hudson and Lord Evan Drain

Sully District: Lady Debbie Kilpatrick and Lord Carlos Carrero

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. Their efforts, which are deserving of our highest praise, provide immeasurable benefits to their fellow residents and serve as a reminder of why Fairfax County remains such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK VAJDA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Frank Vajda, a dedicated public servant who passed away on January 27, 2021, at the age of 84.

Frank Vajda grew up in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and went on to attend Rutgers University on a full academic scholarship. He graduated with a degree in electrical engineering which he used throughout his 28 years of service in the United States Air Force. His military assignments included the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, the Los Alamos, NV Test Site, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Defense Nuclear Agency, two tours at the Pentagon and a tour with the Foreign Technology Division, where he met his future wife, Judith.

After retiring from the Air Force, Frank and Judith relocated to Fairfax County where he became very active in community activities. Frank quickly got involved with his local civic association, the Court of Camelot Civic Association, where he went on to serve as president. He also founded the Camelot annual holiday charity fund drive which raised thousands of dollars for the Children's Hospital. Frank's years of dedication to the Court of Camelot was recognized in 2016, as Frank was named a Knight of Camelot by the civic association.

In addition to his work with the Civic Association, Frank served on the Camelot Neighborhood Watch Group, which is the oldest continuing Neighborhood Watch in the nation. He organized and promoted the first park watch group at Pine Ridge, a local neighborhood park, and because of his public safety efforts, the Park Authority, the Fairfax County Police, and the Rose Purple have established the countywide PARKWATCH system.

Frank dedicated countless hours to the Fairfax County Parks, starting with his time as a member of the Steering Committee for the Friends of Mason District Park. He went on to serve as a park volunteer for numerous festivals and events and was selected as the

Mason District Representative to the Public Safety and Park Bond Referendum Committee for his dedication to safety during all park events and activities. In 2001, Frank was appointed to the Park Authority Board where he dutifully represented Mason District for 16 years.

Public service was at the core of who Frank was. Although he did not do any of this for the recognition, his dedication to his community earned him numerous awards, including the 1998 Elly Doyle Park Service Award and the Mason District Council of Civic Associations' Man of the Year award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Frank Vajda. His leadership and commitment to pub-

lic service and safety was inspirational, and he will be missed by all who knew him. I also extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Judith, and his faithful companion, Jake.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3684, THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to support H.R. 3684, the Infra-

structure Investment and Jobs Act, a bill that includes new efforts to address lead contamination on our drinking water. I thank Chairman PALLONE for his leadership on this issue. None of us wants delay in repairing our water infrastructure and I know that all of us want to ensure that our families are protected as soon as possible.